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Friends of Old Time Radio Convention  
Oct. 20-22 Holiday Inn-North, Newark, New Jersey



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Editor of Hello Again

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## SCHEDULE

**Wednesday:** Complementary Wine and Cheese for overnight guests and committee from about 6 – 10 pm; Dealers can set up from about 2:30 pm on.

All programs in the Lenox/Tiffany Rooms; All re-creations in the Dresden/Lenox/Tiffany Rooms

Shadow exhibit in Ascot Room near Restaurant

Dealers in Conference Rooms and Waterford Rooms

### **Thursday:**

9:00 – 5:00	Setup of sound equipment
9:00 – 5:00	Dealers
4:30 – 5:30	"The Thrilling Days of Yesteryear" with <b>John Rayburn</b>
5:30 – 8:00	Cocktails, dinner and raffle
8:00 – 9:00	Eddie Cantor Program with <b>Janet Cantor Gari and Brian Gari</b>
9:15 – 10:15	Winner of 1st annual FOTR original radio play contest announced. Re-creation to be presented next year. Discussion on writing radio plays. Some Surprises

### **Friday Morning and Afternoon**

9:00 – 5:00	Dealers
9:00 – 9:45	<b>Jack French</b> presents OTR Aviator Heroes
10:00 – 10:45	Tribute to Fred Allen hosted by <b>Tim Coco</b>
11:00 – 11:45	Quiz show with <b>Mitchell Weisberg</b>
12:00 – 12:45	<b>Gotham Radio Players</b> present <b>Lights Out</b> , "The Bark of the Dead Dog," produced by Bill Nadel, directed by Steve Lewis; with Ray Erlenborn
1:00 – 2:00	Music and Its Interaction with Drama ( <b>Mike Mandel</b> with <b>Lee Erwin</b> , <b>Rex Koury</b> , <b>Rosa Rio</b> )
2:15 – 3:00	<b>Raymond Edward Johnson</b> presents...
3:15 – 4:15	America's Town Meeting; Hosted by <b>Dave Zwengler</b>
4:30 – 5:30	Jack Benny Tribute ( <b>Larry and John Gassman</b> with <b>George Balzer</b> )

### **Friday Evening**

5:30 – 7:45	Cocktails, Dinner and raffle
7:45 – 8:00	<b>The Boogie Woogie Girls and Company E</b>
8:15 – 9:15	Re-creation ( <b>Escape with Jeanette Nolan</b> and others)
9:15 – 9:30	Some awards
9:30 – 10:30	Author's Panel with <b>Arthur Anderson</b> , <b>Gordon Kelley</b> , <b>Fran Striker Jr.</b> , and <b>Jordan Young</b>

## Saturday Morning and Afternoon

9:00 – 3:00 Dealers  
9:00 – 9:45 Quiz show with **Dave Zwengler**  
10:00 – 10:45 **Gary Yogg** presents a look at Christmas Programs  
11:00 – 11:45 Comic Weekly Man (with **Lon Clark**)  
12:00 – 1:00 Panel on Child Actors (**Arthur Anderson** with all star panel)  
1:15 – 2:00 Re-creation (**Archie Andrews** with **Bob Hastings**,  
**Rosemary Rice**, **Hal Stone**, **Joan Shea**, **Pat Hosley**, **Dick Dudley**)  
2:00 – 3:00 (No Program) Last chance to visit Dealers  
3:00 – 4:00 Classical Music on Radio with **George Jelinek**, **Howard Taubman** and others; hosted by **George Edwards**  
4:15 -- 5:30 Shadow Panel/Re-creation with **John Archer**, **Ken Roberts**, **Margot Stevenson**

## Saturday Evening

5:30 – 7:45 Cocktails, dinner, raffle  
8:00 – 8:45 Re-creation (**Let's Pretend "Rumpelstiltskin"** directed by **Arthur Anderson** with an all star cast)  
8:45 – 9:15 Awards  
9:30 – 10:30 Variety Show; "The Voice of Radio;" special salute to the Society of Singers; with **Errol Dante**, **Eddie Layton**, **Al Monroe**, **Charlotte Schaefer** and surprise guests; prepared by **Lee Munsick**

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### Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or tentative acceptance of our invitations:

#### West Coast Guests

John Archer - The Shadow  
George Balzer - (writer) Jack Benny  
Larry Dobkin - Escape, Gunsmoke  
Ray Erlenborn - (Sound effects artist)  
Bob Hastings - Archie Andrews  
Rex Koury - (Musical Director)  
Jeanette Nolan - Gunsmoke, March of Time  
Hal (Harlan) Stone - Archie Andrews

#### New East Coast Guests

Bob Drew - Let's Pretend  
Dick Dudley - (Announcer)  
Ed Kemmer - Space Patrol

#### Returnees

Arthur Anderson - Let's Pretend, Hotel For Pets  
George Ansbro - (Announcer) ABC  
Barney Beck - (Sound effects artist)  
Jackson Beck - (Announcer) Superman, Mark Trail  
Joan Benny - (Daughter of Jack Benny)  
Warren Bryan - Stella Dallas, Orphans of Divorce  
Lon Clark - Nick Carter  
Gwen Davies - Let's Pretend  
Bob Dryden - Superman, ILAM  
Lee Erwin - (Organist)  
Harry Fleetwood - Music Through the Night (WNBC)  
Earl George - Captain Midnight, Doc Savage  
Ed Herlihy - (Kraft Spokesman)  
Raymond Edward Johnson - Inner Sanctum  
Ruth Last - Let's Pretend, Quiet Please  
Rita Lloyd - Let's Pretend  
Charlotte Manson - Nick Carter

Clive Rice - Bobby Benson  
Rosemary Rice - Archie Andrews  
Ken Roberts - (Announcer) The Shadow, Ellery Queen  
Adele Ronson - Buck Rogers, John's Other Wife  
Terry Ross - Sound effects artist  
Joan Shea - Archie Andrews, Aldrich Family  
Margot Stevenson - The Shadow  
Arthur Tracy - "The Street Singer"  
Sybil Trent - Let's Pretend  
Whit Vernon - Lone Ranger  
Jane Colleen Ward - Lorenzo Jones, Second Husband  
Florence Williams - Front Page Farrell  
Miriam Wolfe - Let's Pretend, The Witch's Tale

#### Events

The following events are tentatively scheduled. Time will be announced at convention.

#### Wednesday

Wine and Cheese for overnight guests and committee: 6 - 10 pm

#### Thursday

Dealers Rooms: 9 am - 5 pm  
John Rayburn presents "The Thrilling Sounds of Yesteryear"  
Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:00  
The winning original drama will be presented  
Program presented by Eddie Cantor Appreciation Society

#### Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Jack French presents OTR Aviation Heroes  
Tribute to Fred Allan hosted by Tim Coco  
Quiz Show with Mitchell Weisburg  
Gotham Radio Players present Lights Out  
America's Town Meeting with Dave Zwengler  
Raymond Edward Johnson Presents  
Music and Drama: hosted by Mike Mandel with Rex Koury,  
Lee Erwin and others

Jack Benny tribute: hosted by **Larry and John Gassman** with  
**George Balzer** and perhaps **Joan Benny**

### Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Steve Lewis and the Gotham Radio Players present a drama  
Re-creation of Escape with **Jeanette Nolan** and **Larry Dobkin**  
**Author's Panel:** Participants will be announced later

### Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Quiz show with **Dave Zwengler**  
**Gary Yogg** looks at Christmas programs  
**Comic Weekly Man** with **Lon Clark**  
Child Actors Panel: host is **Arthur Anderson** with an allstar cast  
Re-creation of **Archie Andrews** with **Bob Hastings**, **Rosemary Rice**, **Hal Stone** and **Joan Shea**  
Music and/or Moon River panel with **Lee Munsick**  
Shadow panel and re-creation with an allstar Shadow cast

### Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Re-creation of Let's Pretend with an allstar cast  
**Salaute to Music on Radio:** Hosted by **Lee Munsick**  
Awards, raffle, donations, brief guest appearances

### Getting There

**By Air:** Continental Airline is the official air line for our convention. Details on attached sheet.

Free shuttle bus from airport. From LaGuardia or Kennedy, take limousine service or helicopter to Newark airport; then free shuttle

**By Bus:** Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport; then take shuttle bus.

**By Car:** From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked FRONTAGE ROAD after toll booth. **DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT** which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked Frontage Road. You must take one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right.

From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign marked FRONTAGE ROAD. Follow to hotel.

From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9 North to FRONTAGE ROAD.

**By Train:** Check your local train schedule

### Cost

Reserve your spot as soon as possible. Prepaid tickets are held at the door. Take advantage of our early-bird special described on attached sheet.

**Thursday, October 20th:** Daytime only (9 - 5); \$10

**Thursday, October 20th:** Daytime and evening including dinner (9 am - closing) \$32.00 (\$29.00\*). Choice of London broil, chicken cordon bleu, stuffed fillet of sole. Please indicate choice when you make your reservation.

**Friday, October 21st:** Daytime only (9 am - 5:30 pm)  
\$10.00 if paid in advance; \$15.00 at the door.

**Friday, October 21st:** Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - closing) \$43.00 (\$40.00\*). Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

**Saturday, October 22nd:** Daytime only (9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) \$10.00 if paid in advance; \$15.00 at the door.

**Saturday, October 22nd:** Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) \$50.00 (\$46.00\*). Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Complimentary coffee, muffins and bagels Thursday, Friday and Saturday; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. **Hors d'oeuvres for evening guests only**

**Dealer's Tables** are \$40 or more each plus appropriate registration fees. If paid after October 1st, cost will be \$45 or more plus appropriate registration fees. Details on special sheet

**Hotel:** \$62.00 for a single, \$67.00 for a double. Reserve rooms with me when you send in convention registration.

Pay for rooms upon arrival. Rooms should be reserved by October 10th. Give me details such as names, nights, etc.

**Ads:** Ads may be placed in our program book. See attached notice.

### Registration

Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson

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### Updated and Further Information

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#### Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and will be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. **All those** who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is room. Table reservations must be made in advance.

#### Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 18th year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies. Cost for ads are:

Full Page – 8 1/2 by 11	\$60	Half Page – 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 or 4 by 11	\$40
Quarter Page – 4 by 5	\$20		

Dealers at our convention may take a 25% discount on the ad. Help support our 18th annual convention.

#### Wednesday

To All Wednesday Overnight Guests;

I will be arriving at the FOTR Convention Wednesday, October 19th, and with the help of several committee members, will have the dealers' rooms and Dresden Room prepared by late afternoon.

Come and join us for complimentary wine and cheese in the Dresden Room from between 6 and 7 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable and cheese platters. All committee members are also invited.

#### Thursday

**Remember to let me know your choice of food for Thursday night.** Also remember, the dealers are open from 9 am. We will have workshops in the afternoon.

## Air Lines

**Continental Airlines** is again the official airline for our convention. We have special group rates which you can use. Discounts follow: 45% of the full coach fare; 5% off all current fares. Call **1-800-468-7022** and give the person that answers a special number. The number is **ZBQS**. Hours to call Continental are 7:30 am – 8 pm CST (Monday - Friday) and 8 am – 6 pm CST (Saturday and Sunday). Check Continental before you check your own agent.

## Registration

For the first year, **Registration cost are the same**. All meal reservations **MUST** be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk **and save \$5**. Preregistration for the day only is **\$10 if mailed in advance** and **\$15 if paid at the door** for both Friday or Saturday. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is **\$10** for each night.

**The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only.** If you come for the day only, but wish to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, add **\$5** to the cost.

**EARLY BIRD PRICES:** There are special prices **IF PAYMENT IS RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 1**. The prices with an asterisk (\*) are these prices. Early bird prices are **Thursday (\$29); Friday (\$40); Saturday (\$46)**. If you reserve early but do not pay until you arrive, you will pay the higher price. Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, please send a SASE

## Food

If you have to eat at a particular time or need special food, please let me know in advance.

## Dealers

Cost for dealers will range from \$40 to \$50 per table depending on what room it is in. All details on a special sheet. If a special sheet is not included and you want a dealers table but are not particular as to the room it is in, cost will be \$40 a table if paid before October 1.

## Smoking

**This is a smoke free convention.** Smoking is allowed in the lobby, away from the convention area, or outside.

## SPECIAL GUESTS

**ARTHUR ANDERSON** - *Hotel For Pets, Let's Pretend*  
**GEORGE ANSBRO** - (Announcer) ABC  
**JOHN ARCHER** - *The Shadow*  
**GEORGE BALZER** - (Writer) *Jack Benny*  
**BARNEY BECK** - Sound Effects Artist (Mutual)  
**JACKSON BECK** - (Announcer) *Superman, Mark Trail*  
**VIVIAN BLOCK** - *Let's Pretend*  
**WARREN BRYON** - *Stella Dallas, Orphans of Divorce*  
**LON CLARK** - *Nick Carter*  
**GWEN DAVIES** - *Let's Pretend*  
**BOB DREW** - *Let's Pretend*  
**BOB DRYDEN** - *Superman, ILM, Big Town*  
**DICK DUDLEY** - (Announcer) *Archie Andrews, many others*  
**RAY ERLENBORN** - (Sound effects) *Al Pearce, Gateway to Hollywood*  
**LEE ERWIN** - (Organist for Arthur Godfrey)  
**HARRY FLEETWOOD** - *Music Through the Night (WNBC)*  
**EARL GEORGE** - *Captain Midnight, Ma Perkins, Doc Savage*  
**BOB HASTINGS** - *Archie Andrews*  
**ED HERLIHY** - (Kraft Spokesperson)  
**PAT HOSLEY** - *Brighter Day, Frank Merriwell*  
**FLORENCE JAMES** - (Casting director)

**RAYMOND EDWARD JOHNSON** - *Inner Sanctum, Young Hickory*  
**ED KEMMER** - *Space Patrol*  
**REX KOURY** - (Musical director) *Gunsmoke*  
**ABBY LEWIS** - *House in the Country, Road of Life*  
**RITA LLOYD** - *Let's Pretend*  
**TED MALLIE** - (Announcer) Mutual  
**CHARLOTTE MANSON** - *Nick Carter*  
**JEANETTE NOLAN** - *Gunsmoke, March of Time*  
**CLIVE RICE** - *Bobby Benson*  
**ROSEMARY RICE** - *Archie Andrews*  
**ROSA RIO** - (Organist) *The Shadow, many others*  
**KEN ROBERTS** - (Announcer) *The Shadow, Ellery Queen*  
**ADELE RONSON** - *Buck Rogers, John's Other Wife*  
**TERRY ROSS** - (Sound effects Artist)  
**JOAN SHEA** - *Archie Andrews, Aldrich Family*  
**MARGOT STEVENSON** - *The Shadow*  
**HAL (HARLAN) STONE** - *Archie Andrews*  
**ARTHUR TRACY** - "The Street Singer"  
**SYBIL TRENT** - *let's Pretend*  
**WHIT VERNON** - *Lone Ranger*  
**FRANCES von BERNHARDI** - (Casting Director)  
**JANE COLLEEN WARD** - *Lorenzo Jones, Second Husband*

This Convention is dedicated to  
Ezra Stone

### ARTHUR ANDERSON

Arthur Anderson's first professional acting was done on radio. He played the role of Tommy, a tearful orphan, at the age of 12 on Tony and Gus on the N.B.C. Red network (WEAF) beginning August 5, 1935, sponsored by Post Toasties. Born on Staten Island, N.Y., he and his parents moved to Manhattan a year later, as Arthur became a busy child actor. In 1936 he joined the cast of Let's Pretend, then sustaining and later sponsored by Cream of Wheat, on the C.B.S. Radio Network (WABC), and remained with the show, with only time out for military service in World War II, until its last broadcast on October 23, 1954. His many other radio credits included Orson Welles' Mercury Theatre On The Air, on C.B.S. Mr. Welles also cast Arthur in his first Broadway role, that of Lucius in the Mercury Theatre's celebrated modern-dress production of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. His latest Broadway show was 1776, in which he appeared for two years. In motion pictures, Arthur has been seen in Midnight Cowboy, The Group and Black Like Me. He has been before the television cameras much more frequently during the past twenty years in The Jackie Gleason Show, The Hallmark Playhouse, and in daytime dramas including The Guiding Light, Search For Tomorrow and Edge of Night. He has also done many commercials. Arthur's microphone work can currently be heard in radio commercials. October 18th he will celebrate his 17th anniversary as the voice of Lucky, the Leprechaun for Lucky Charms Cereal.

### GEORGE BALZER

Mr. George Balzer was born in Erie, Pennsylvania. In 1920 the family moved westward to Los Angeles and in 1926 settled in the San Fernando Valley where he attended school. After graduating from high school, Mr. Balzer joined his father and other members of his family in the laundry business. A few years later he left the laundry to try his hand at writing comedy for radio. His first assignment was writing for Bob (Bazooka) Burns who at that time had a featured spot on the Bing Crosby Kraft Music Hall. As his career advanced, he wrote for various other programs such as George Burns and Gracie Allen, Tommy Riggs and Betty Lou and others. In 1943 the call came from Jack Benny with whom he remained under contract for the next twenty-five years. During that time, Mr. Balzer created several comedy routines which became Jack Benny classics, such as Si Si Cy, the bakery shop cameron rolls, and the station master calling "Train leaving on track five for Anaheim, Azusa, and Cucamonga." In 1950, The Benny show made the transition from radio to television where Mr. Balzer won seven consecutive nominations and two Emmys. Because of the guest star policy of the Benny Show, Mr. Balzer had the opportunity of writing for the biggest names in show business. Along the way, he also wrote dialogue and speeches for government officials.

### BARNEY BECK

Barney Beck returns to the FOR Convention to do what he likes best, make sound effects for the radio format in unique and creative ways. When radio was the only medium, he was active on shows like The Shadow, Superman, and The Bob and Ray Show. He enjoys the challenge and willingly shares his secrets with interested audiences. Barney comes from New York and worked for many years for WOR.

### JACKSON BECK

Jackson Beck has had an extensive career in broadcasting beginning in the mid forties. Among his more significant radio roles, he was narrator on Superman, Mark Trail and Buck Rogers. He played the lead on The FBI in Peace and War, The Cisco Kid and Philo Vance and was featured on such shows as The Kate Smith Show, Quick as a Flash, We The People, Hobby Lobby and Ripley's Believe It or Not. On television he was narrator on The U.S. Steel Hour. He has done voice-over commercials for a wide variety of products including Sunoco, Subaru, Gillette, Emery Airfreight, Suave, Sudafed, Ideal Toys, Stouffer Chemicals, and Pizza Pizza. Beck also appeared on the CBS Radio Mystery Theatre in the seventies. He has attended nearly all of our FOR conventions.

### LON CLARK

Lon Clark was born in Bricelyn, Minnesota but he grew up in Frost, Minnesota. During his school years from childhood through college, he was always prominent in plays, musicals, and "eloction." After graduating from high school he worked on a farm by day and a canning factory at night to save enough to hitch-hike to Minneapolis, Minnesota where he enrolled in the MacPhail School of Music and Drama. After a year he was playing in dance bands to augment funds earned running the elevator in school to pay tuition and rent. A year later he had his own band and was singing over radio station WCCO in Minneapolis. He then got a job acting in a tent show that toured the provinces. Lon played in the orchestra, did parts, and vaudeville routines between the acts - in the summer time. Then he got an offer (after an audition) to go to WLW, Cincinnati, Ohio on a contract basis. Still studying singing, he was engaged by Fausta Cleva for a series of roles in Cincinnati's season of summer opera singing roles with stars of the Metropolitan Opera. Lon spent three summers doing that, all the while playing hundreds of roles over radio station WLW in Cincinnati, one being The Mad Hatterfields an excellent comedy soap opera, "Skeets Gallager" on Dr. Kenrad, Detective, which got its title from its product -- Kenrad radio tube, manufactured by Crosley Corporation and the famous midnight poetry show Moonriver. WLW gave Red Skelton his first radio series on which Lon was a regular playing various zany characters, one of which was a goofy character that Skelton added to his national one-man show --named Clem Kadiddlehopper.

Then he went to New York with the intention of going on stage and hopefully singing at "The Met". He became busy in radio and ended up with a half-dozen contracts. He appeared as the announcer for Kate Smith Hour, a contract player on The March of Time, (NBC) Report to the Nation (CBS), various soap operas, Bulldog Drummond, Inner Sanctum, Fred Allen, Mysterious Traveller, and was tapped for Nick Carter, Master Detective in the title role which was broadcast Sundays for nearly 12 years. Meanwhile he made summer theatre guest appearances. Radio fading before TV, Lon did miscellaneous films, TV shows, and theatre including Broadway's Pulitzer prize-winning Long Days Journey Into Night with Frederic March. Then he accepted a position as administrator of The Episcopal Actors' Guild, an organization that raises funds to assist people of the theatre in distress -- headquartered in the historic "Little Church Around the Corner" in New York, a position he still holds today.

#### ROBERT J. DREW

Robert J. Drew worked on Let's Pretend during the last years of it's very long and successful run...from approximately 1949 to 1952. Born and raised in the Bronx in New York City in a very poor neighborhood, at the age of 11 he moved to Forest Hills, NY. He decided at age 14 he wanted to be an actor and got an audition for Let's Pretend. Nila Mack told him that he had talent and that if he would lose the accent she would audition him again in one year. One year later he came back and to celebrate his new voice he auditioned with scenes from Cyrano, Henry V and Romeo and Juliet. She hired him on the spot and cast him in the very next broadcast. After Let's Pretend went off the air he also worked on a CBS program called You Are There. By this time television was gradually coming into its Golden Age and he, along with many other radio performers, moved into this new medium.

#### DICK DUDLEY

Dick Dudley began his radio career in 1925 when he appeared on a kiddies show on WTNT in Nashville, Tennessee. Five years later he got a job at WSM helping with sound effects, doing various voices and commercials on The Grand Ole Opry. In 1938 he went off to New York City and was hired as an extra on The Columbia Workshop to make crowd noises. Then he got a job as a page boy at NBC. By 1940 he was a staff announcer at NBC. He later created a morning program called Who's Blue? on the Blue Network which ran six days a week. On Dec. 7th, 1941, he was one of first announcers to broadcast the news of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The year before he was sent overseas by Uncle Sam, he created many other programs including Daybreak with Dudley and Jam with Your Breakfast. He also did band remotes. While in Europe he created Broadway in Khaki and toured England, Scotland and Wales. Then he was transferred to SHAEF headquarters in London to create Rise and Shine which was broadcast to the troops on the continent on D-Day plus one. Later Dudley was made Program Director of the Armed Forces Radio Network. His postwar radio activities included announcing the Archie Andrews

show, The Bob Houston Show, the revival of The Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin St., Not For Women Only and his own creation Rockabye Dudley.

#### BOB HASTINGS

Bob Hastings was a child actor on radio at age 5 in Coast to Coast on a Bus where he met his future wife, Joan. Bob is best known as the voice of Archie Andrews, a role which he played from 1946-1953. He also appeared on many dramatic anthologies like Dimension X and X Minus One. On television Bob spent 8 years on General Hospital, was Lt. Carpenter on McHale's Navy, and portrayed Kelsey, the bartender, on All in the Family. He can currently be heard as the voice of Commissioner Gordon on TV's animated Batman series as well as the Batman animated movie (1993).

#### EDWARD KEMMER

Ed Kemmer's radio experience began as an announcer and DJ at WEEV in Reading, PA., back in 1942 and as DJ for a POW camp (Stalog Luft III, Sagan, German) during WWII. Later he starred in over 200 Space Patrol shows for ABC between 1953-55 and also did a guest spot on The Phil Harris Show. His television credits are more extensive: Space Patrol (5 years), Gunsmoke, Perry Mason, Maverick, Lux Video Theatre, Rawhide, Twilight Zone and such soap operas as Edge of Night, As The World Turns and All My Children. He has also worked in films (e.g., Too Much Too Soon with Errol Flynn, The Crowded Sky with Dana Andrews, and Calypso Joe with Angie Dickinson) and on stage (e.g., leads in Command Decision, My Three Angels and Arsenic and Old Lace).

#### REX KOURY

Rex Koury is best known as the composer of the Gunsmoke theme, but has an extensive background in radio. He was: Musical Director for Radio Station KMPC, Los Angeles; Pianist with Billy Mills Orch. on Fibber McGee & Molly; Solo Pianist & Organist for NBC, Hollywood; Organist with ensemble on Mayor of the Town (Lionel Barrymore & Anges Morehead); Pianist with Meredith Willson's The Big Show (NBC); Organist & pianist on several special radio dramas for NBC; Staff organist for the American Broadcasting Company, West Coast; staff mystery broadcasts including Ellery Queen, Stars Over Hollywood, Dangerous Assignment and many others. In 1952 he was appointed Musical Director for ABC, West Coast and conducted many musical programs including annual broadcasts for the Salvation Army. Also in 1952 (to 1958) he was Musical Director and composer for CBS Radio Gunsmoke series. From 1958-1962, he was part-owner and manager of Radio Station KVNI in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Mutual affiliate.

### JEANETTE NOLAN

Jeanette Nolan's career began at the Pasadena Community Playhouse. Although her first dream was to be an opera singer, she auditioned for radio at the suggestion of True Boardman, a classmate from her days at Los Angeles City Junior College. Her premiere performance on L.A. radio was in 1932 in a production of Omar Kayam. This was the first transcontinental broadcast from Los Angeles radio station KHJ. She immediately began working non stop doing many radio shows from Los Angeles including: Tapestries of Life: Joan of Arc, Annie Laurie, One Man's Family, Silver Theatre as well as doing commercials for The Bing Crosby Show. She met her talented husband, the late John McIntire, when he was the announcer for many radio programs in Los Angeles. He joined her in New York in 1935 when she was performing on March of Time. While in New York, Ms. Nolan worked extensively for Joe Bell at NBC. Some of her shows included: The Shakespeare Hour and The Telephone Hour. Other programs included; Suspense, Calvacade of Stars and her own summer replacement show on CBS called Dramatic Interlude with Jeanette Nolan. It wasn't long before Orson Welles, a fellow actor from the Mercury Theatre, asked her to star as Lady MacBeth. She made her film debut in his classic production of MacBeth in 1947. After that performance she became one of the few truly versatile performers who was at ease switching from radio to film and then to television. Her illustrious television career included many outstanding performances, both individually and with her husband, John McIntire. They starred as the Grangers, a married couple in the western The Virginian and she appeared as a guest star in many of the episodes of John's successful series, Wagon Train. Jeanette Nolan has appeared in over 200 episodic television programs as well as starring in three of her own television series, Hotel De Paree with Earl Holliman, The Richard Boone Anthology Series and the popular favorite Dirty Sally, with Dack Rambo which was one of the first spin-off series from a successful existing series. Her character first appeared in a two hour episode of Gunsmoke. During her television career, she was honored with four EMMY nominations and was voted most popular television actress for her performances in Dirty Sally.

### ROSEMARY RICE

Rosemary Rice is, perhaps, best known to radio listeners as Betty on Archie Andrews, but her other credits are many and varied: Playhouse 90, Studio One, Let's Pretend, Cavalade of America, When a Girl Marries, Young Dr. Malone, and many other shows. On television she won an Emmy Award for her portrayal of Katrin on I Remember Mama, a role which she played for nine years. She also appeared in: Edge of Night, Search for Tomorrow, One Life to Live, Playhouse 90, Studio One, Kraft Television Theatre (21 times), As The World Turns, The Today Show and numerous others. She has also appeared in twelve Broadway plays including Junior Miss, Dear Ruth, Mr Roberts, and I Remember Mama. In addition, Ms Rice has recorded 15 children's albums (Columbia and RCA Victor), published a text

book series for schools (20 books) for Allyn and Bacon Publishing Co., published 39 songs and produced, created, written and performed in a TV pilot for MGM entitled Play a Story with Rosemary. She is also familiar to millions of listeners and viewers for her many commercials: the voice of "if I have one life to live, let me live it as a blond" for Clairol, Lux, Comet, Tide, Duz, All, Prell, White Rain, Breck, Exxon, Atlantic, Gulf, Texaco, Buick, Dodge, Plymouth, Ford, Coca Cola, (and Pepsi!) etc.,etc. Ms. Rice has won many awards for her work: in addition to the EMMY, she has 2 Clio Awards, a Grammy Award, 3 Peabody Awards and the Pulitzer Prize.

#### TERRY ROSS

Mr. Ross started his theatrical career in the Ivoryton Playhouse, Conn. back in 1936. From there he moved to the Mohawk Drama Festival with Charles Coburn for three summer seasons as production stage manager, assistant set and lighting designer, bit part player, and also taught a course in backstage technique. During the winter months Terry was attending the Yale Post Grad School of the Drama. In 1940 he joined NBC and went thru the usual training period on the Page and Guide Staff, thence to the Night Program Office, and eventually to the Sound Effects Department. In 1946 after returning from Military Service, Terry joined ABC as Senior Sound Effects Artist. He has since performed on some 30,000 broadcasts including such programs as Gangbusters, Counterspy, My True Story, and ten years on The Greatest Story Ever Told. A member of Equity and AFTRA he was also president of Local 844 IATSE a post he has held for 15 years. Currently he is President of the Veterans Bedside Network. Between radio and TV broadcasts Terry found time to create music and sound effects for numerous Broadway and Off-Broadway shows as well as effects tracks for film, radio and TV commercials.

These biographies were prepared from available information by Gary A. Yogg.

## OTHER INFORMATION

Sutton/Ascot Rooms will be available much of the time from Thursday through Saturday night. They should be used for interviews, meetings and rehearsals.

1. No smoking in convention area, please.
2. Do not interview in hallways and please do not congest the registration area. Interviews are to be held in the Sutton/Ascot rooms mentioned above.
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Old-time radio buffs have been honoring the radio stars of yesteryear annually since 1971, when our first old-time radio convention was held. The popularity of the conventions has grown steadily over the past 20 years. The first convention hosted 4 special guests. This year we are honoring over 50 actors, actresses, writers, producers, directors and technicians from the East and West Coasts who made the age of radio a truly golden era. What better way to pay tribute to all our guests than to meet them in person at this, our 18th annual convention of the **FRIENDS OF OLD-TIME RADIO**, and express the enjoyment their performances brought and still bring to us.

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The **Allen Rockford Award** was established in 1979 following the death of Allen Rockford at the age of 35 on March 29. Allen was coeditor with Don Richardson of **Nostalgia Radio News**, an excellent monthly OTR publication. The publication started when Allen started his coverage of stations in central New York and Canada carrying Old-time radio. This led to **Nostalgia Radio News**. Allen was active in putting early radio on central New York stations and carried his own show called **Sounds of Yesterday** for several years on WRVO-FM in Oswego. He was an announcer and newscaster for WONO in Syracuse for many years. With Don Richardson, Allen also ran Double-R-Radio, a business specializing in tapes and recordings of old-time radio shows. Allen was an authority on early radio and constantly helped anyone who needed it.

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1983	Ray Stanich	1990	Don Aston
1984	Jim Snyder		Dave Warren
	Bob Burnham	1991	Tom Monroe
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1993	Jack French		Gary Yogg
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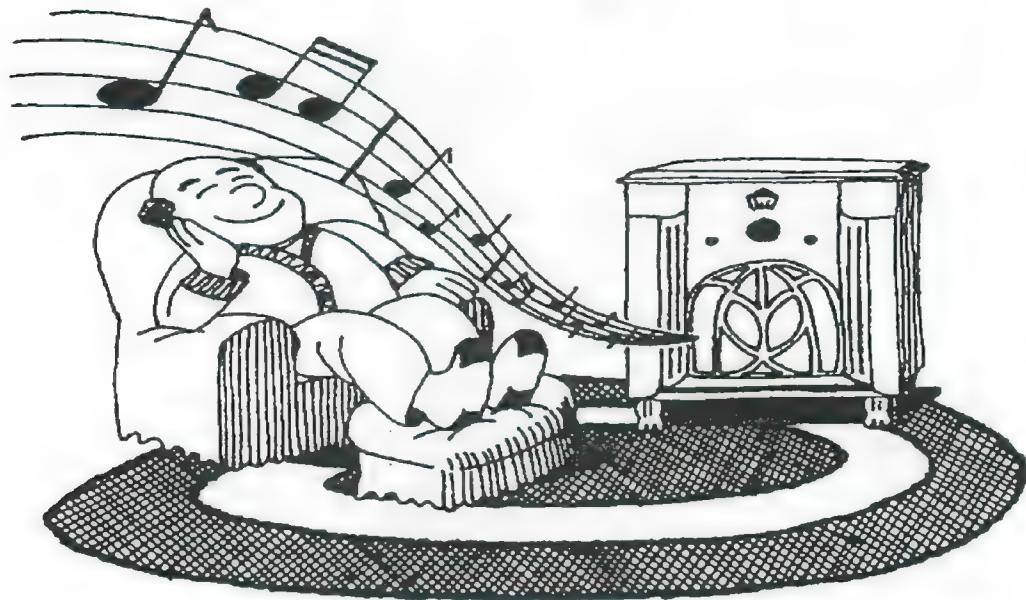
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1979	Raymond Edward Johnson	1985	Ken Ross
	Rosa Rio		Terry Ross
1980	Bob Prescott Jr.		Mrs. Brace Beemer
	Pete Prescott		Jay Hickerson
1981	Mike Warren	1986	Max Schmid
1982	(None)	1987	Sidney Slon
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1984	Don Richardson	1989	Florence Williams
	Jackson Beck		Dwight Weist
1990	Margot Stevenson		Joe Franklin
	George Ansbro	1991	Fran Carlon
1992	Ken Roberts		Ray Erlenborn
	Peg Lynch		Barney Beck
1993	Lon Clark		
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1987	Frank Nelson Scholarship Fund	1989	Society for Singers
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1992	Veteran's Bedside Network		OTR Defense Fund
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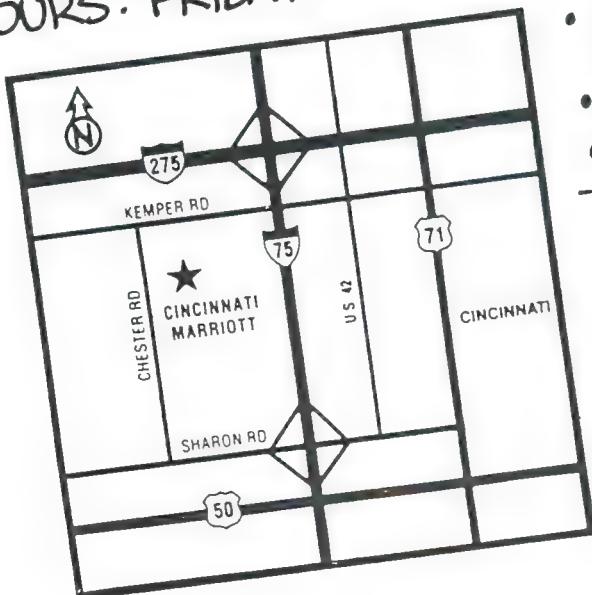
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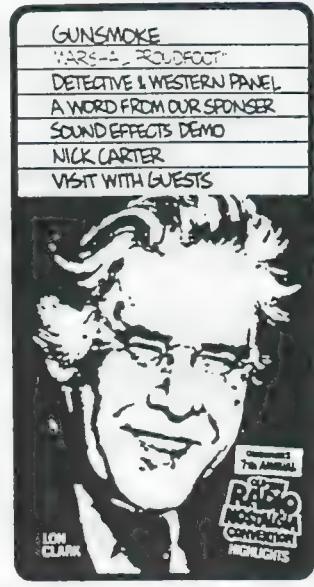
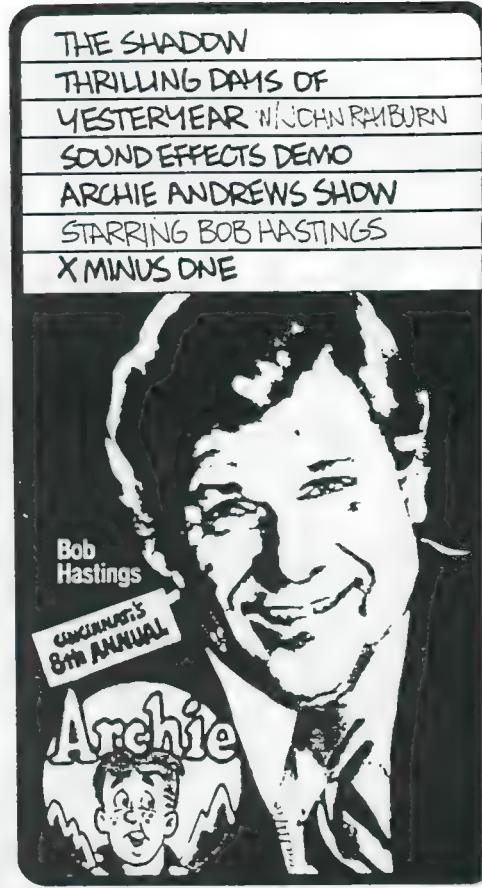
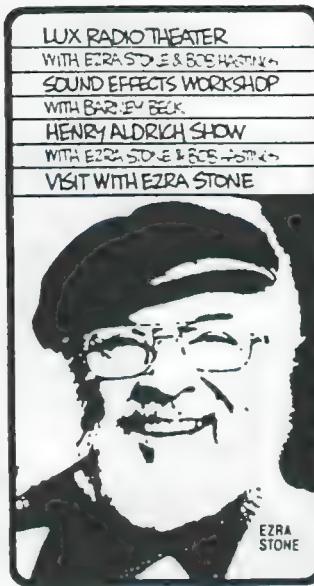
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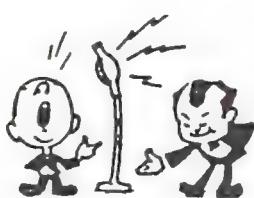
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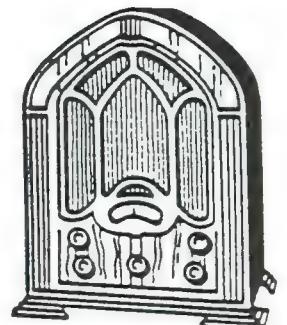
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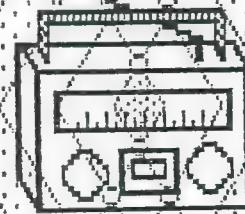
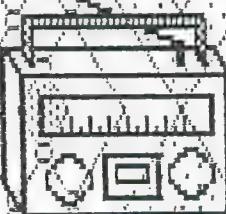
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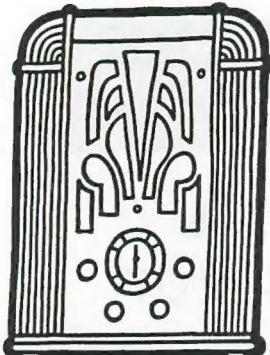
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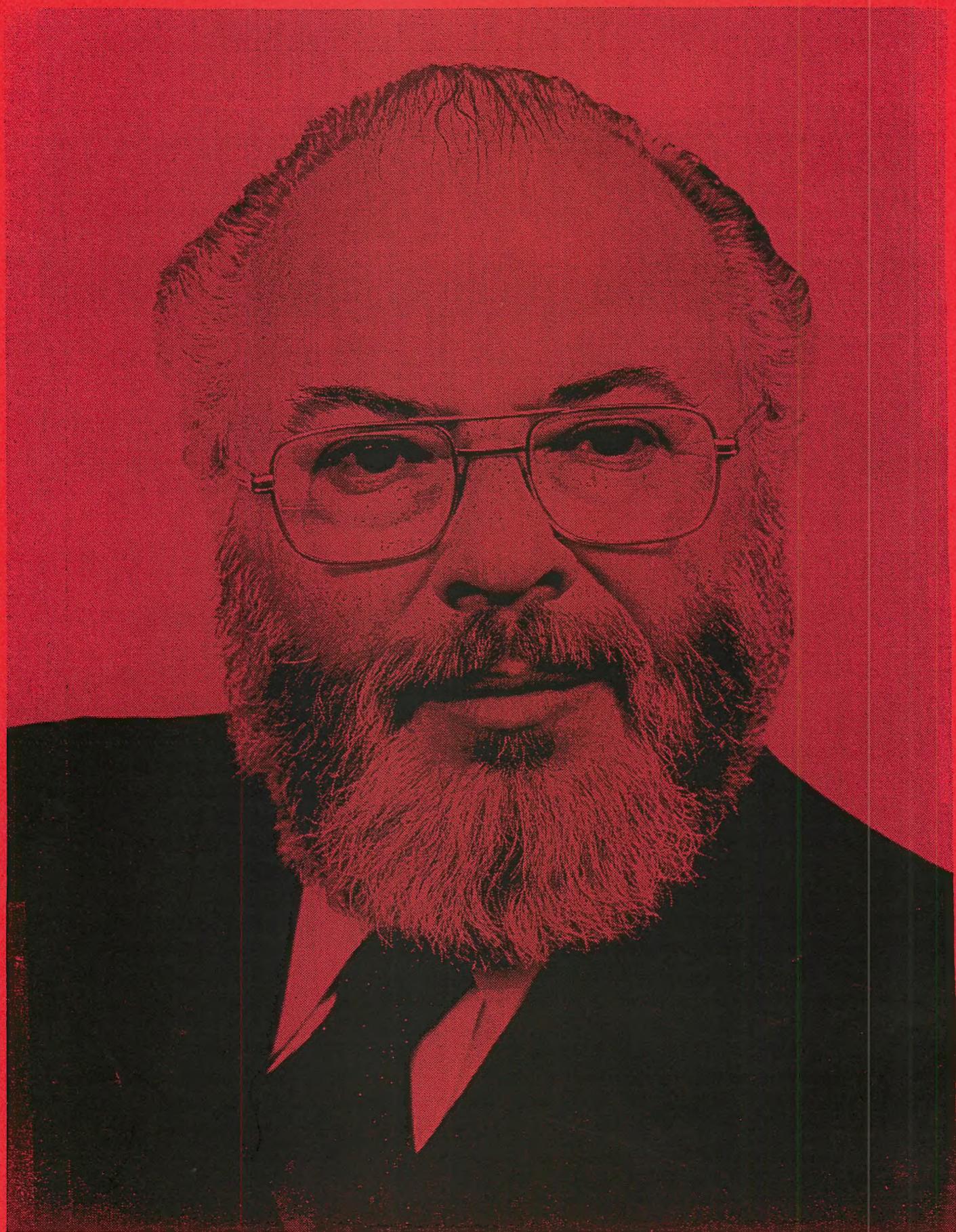
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